

(ii) Communication and other security equipments have been strengthened. The Company has installed power fencing around vulnerable areas. Also closed Circuit Televisions (CCTVs) with monitoring and recording capacity for 24 hours duration have been installed in the smelting Room.

Doubling of Rail Lines

*239. SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for doubling of rail lines in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the target has been achieved during the above period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the funds earmarked to achieve the said target and the expenditure incurred thereon alongwith year-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) 1100 Kms.

(b) 942.2 kms. of doublings were completed in the 8th plan.

(c) There are a large number of doubling projects going on all over the country on which expenditure is to be incurred, besides the expenditure to be incurred on the targetted works. In addition there has been shortfall in meeting the target set for doublings due to non-removal of encroachments contractual delays and in a few cases delays in land acquisition resulting into diversion of funds to other ongoing doubling works.

(d)		(Rs. in Crores)		
Year	Budget Allocation	Revised Estimates	Final Modification	Actual Expenditure
1	2	3	4	5
1992-93	130.00	170.10	202.07	213.48

1	2	3	4	5
1993-94	220.00	207.25	224.94	232.00
1994-95	150.00	160.00	207.32	206.00
1995-96	265.00	245.82	227.46	218.41
1996-97	190.00	201.63	241.86	244.00 (Prov.)
	955.00	985.00	1103.65	1113.89

[English]

Electrification under Urjagram Programme

*240. SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages electrified under 'Urjagram Programme' since 1992, State-wise;

(b) the amount spent by the Government thereon, State-wise;

(c) the quantum of energy produced through these programmes; and

(d) the target fixed for the Ninth Plan for electrification of villages under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (d) The Urjagram Programme aims at harnessing locally available renewable energy resources such as Solar, Wind, Biomass, etc. for meeting various energy needs of a selected villages. 21 new Urjagram projects have been sanctioned since 1992-93 as per details, including State-wise break-up and amounts spent thereon, given in the Statement. A target of 500 Urjagram projects at the rate of 100 per year has been proposed for the Ninth Plan.

Statement

State-wise Urjagram Projects sanctioned since 1992-93 and amounts spent thereon under Urjagram Budget Head

S. No.	Name of State	No. of Urjagram Projects sanctioned (since 1992-93)	Name of villages sanctioned	Funds Released under Urjagram (in Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Haryana	1	(i) Rahuka	60,000
2.	Jammu and Kashmir	2	(i) Mandiran (ii) Jandreri	55,000 1,00,000
3.	Kerala	2	(i) Chithalvetty (ii) Thenmala	50,000 50,000

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Madhya Pradesh	2	(i) Bori (ii) Singpur (Tal)	30,000 35,000
5.	Orissa	4	(i) Kadalipalli (ii) Saba (iii) Samartha (iv) Jamudiha	55,000 55,000 55,000 70,000
6.	Punjab	3	(i) Sangatpura (ii) Dhanansu (iii) Palahi	1,00,000 1,00,000 1,10,000
7.	Uttar Pradesh	4	(i) Karsan (ii) Jagmaljoti (iii) Chandesuwa (iv) Malahpurwa	50,000 35,000 45,000 40,000
8.	West Bengal	3	(i) Bondanga (ii) Baidyapur-Rathtala (iii) Bongopalpur	45,000 1,00,000 45,000

Increase in Steel Prices

2420. SHRI SYDAIAH KOTA :
SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons of increase in steel prices and its impact on production and demand of steel;

(b) whether the Government propose to decrease the prices of products of SAIL, ESSAR, TISCO and other private steel companies; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) The main producers of Steel namely, SAIL, TISCO and RINL have had to increase the prices of some of their steel products due to various reasons including increase in the prices of petroleum products, railway freight, power supplied by State Electricity Boards, and increase in the price of coal etc. Demand for steel being a derived demand, is dependent on the growth of the economy in general and growth of industrial production and infrastructure sector in particular. Both demand and production of steel and driven by market forces after the liberalisation of the steel sector.

(b) After deregulation of pricing and distribution of iron and steel w.e.f. 16.1.92, Government has no role to play in pricing of steel produced by main producers. Secondary producers were free to fix their own prices even prior to this date.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Substitution of 'Mumbai' for 'Bombay'

2421. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that in the maps published by the Surveyor General of India, the word "Bombay" has still been used instead of "Mumbai" in the English version; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken to rectify the error?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The Govt. is aware that the maps published before the formal approval of change of name by the Govt. from 'Bombay' to 'Mumbai' retain the name 'Bombay'. However, all maps published by Survey of India after the approval of change in name by the Govt. indicate the town as 'Mumbai'.

(b) Does not arise.

J.R.Y. in Andhra Pradesh

2422. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has brought structural changes in the implementation of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in the state;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and